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A. PARAGRAPH 2B OF REFTEL. DELETE QTE CONGRESSIONAL

UNQTE FROM THIRD SENTENCE.

B. ADD FOLLOWING POINT AFTER CURRENT POINT C OF REFTEL: QTE WE WANT TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF NATO'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, TO IMPROVE THE PHYSICAL SAFETY OF US WEAPONS AND REDUCE THEIR VULNERABILITY. WE DO NOT INTEND TO CHANGE OR UNDERMINE THE RELATIVE ROLE OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES IN THE NATO QTE TRIAD. UNQTE. WE WANT PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE US NUCLEAR POSTURE IN EUROPE

TO BE EXAMINED ON THEIR MERITS, WITH APPROPRIATE ANALYSIS OF THE MOST EFFICIENT DEPLOYMENTS AND WARHEAD LEVELS. WE DO NOT WANT REDUCTIONS FOR REDUCTIONS SAKE. UNQTE.

- C. DELETE LAST SENTENCE OF TALKING POINT D.
- D. DELETE FINAL 3 SENTENCES OF TALKING POINT E AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING: QTE ANY STUDY OF POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS IN NATO'S NUCLEAR POSTURE MUST TAKE ACCOUNT OF THIS CRITICAL DIMENSION. WE WISH TO ASSURE OUR ALLIES THAT OUR STUDIES OF POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS IN THE US TACTICAL NUCLEAR POSTURE IN EUROPE THROUGH MODERNIZATION AND RESTRUCTURING ARE INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN THE TACTICAL NUCLEAR LEG OF THE NATO TRIAD AND THUS ENHANCE DETERRENCE. IN ANY CASE, NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN ON SPECIFIC ADJUSTMENTS. UNQTE.
- 2. FYI. WITH RESPECT TO YOUR PARA THREE, WE WOULD LIKE THE MISSION TO ADOPT AN OBJECTIVE AND LOW-KEY TONE ON RESTRUCTURING POSSIBILITIES CONSISTENT WITH PARA 1D ABOVE, AND IN PARTICULAR TO AVOID SPECULATION ABOUT POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS AND ANY STATEMENTS THAT WOULD ALARM THE ALLIES ON THIS SCORE. IN NO EVENT SHOULD THIS CONSULTATION WITH THE PERMREPS ON THIS SUBJECT SERVE AS A CONSULTATION ON OPTION III OR OTHER NUCLEAR REDUCTION POSSIBILITIES IN MBFR. END FYI.

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